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SUBJECT: ARAMCO WEEKLY PRODUCTION FIGURES - JANUARY 22-28

REF: DHAHRAN 0082 (NOTAL)

1. ARAMCO PRODUCTION FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 28 AVERAGED
8.3 MILLION BPD. DELIVERIES WERE IN RANGE OF 8.1 MILLION
BPD. ARAMCO CONTINUES TO REPORT -DEMAND FOR ALL CRUDE
GRADES REMAINS AT MAXIMUM."

2. LOWER THAN EXPECTED PRODUCTION FIGURE RELATES TO
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UNUSUALLY ROUGH SEAS IN ARABIAN GULF (OIL COMPANY VETERANS
CALL JANUARY 1977 THE MOST DIFFICULT MONTH FOR PORT
OPERATIONS SINCE ARAMCO BEGAN LIFTING CURDE) WHICH HAVE
SEVERELY HAMPERED ARAMCO'S LOADING OPERATIONS. PORT
CLOSURES (A PERIOD WHEN SHIPS ARE BERTHED ON CASE BY
CASE BASIS AND TENAKERS RANGING TO VLCC'S CANNOT BE MOORED
TO SMB'S) HAVE TOTALED 400 HOURS THUS FAR IN JANUARY

-- UP 150 HOURS DURING WEEK UNDER REVIEW. LINE UP OF TANKERS WAITING TO LOAD AT ARAMCO TERMINALS IS GROWING DAILY AND IS CURRENTLY ABOVE THIRTY. ARAMCO MOUNTS HERCULEAN EFFORT TO MAXIMIZE LOADINGS DURING THOSE PERIODS WHEN WIND ABATES. ONEIDAY LAST WEEK OIL COMPANY LOADED 13 MILLION BPD -- FAR AND WIDE A NEW RECORD.

3. FOLLOWING ARE ARAMCO'S CUMULATIVE FIGURES, PASSED IN CONFIDENCE BY OIL COMPANY, FOR MONTH OF JANUARY, THROUGH JANUARY 29:

PRODUCTION: 8:311 MBD
DELIVERIES: 8.237 MBD

4. COMMENT: POST NOTES THAT FIGURES FOR THIS WEEK'S REPORT ON ARAMCO CRUDE PRODUCTION AND DELIVERIES NOT AS ALL ENCOMPASSING AS IN PREVIOUS REPORTS (SEE REFTTEL) SINCE OIL COMPANY IS NOW HANDLING PRODUCTION AND LIFTING FIGURES AS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION. FOR EXAMPLE, ARAMCO'S WEEKLY OPERATIONS BULLETIN WAS PRINTED THIS WEEK, FOR FIRST TIME, WITHOUT STATISTICAL TABLE ON OPERATIONS AND ITS ACCOMPANYING NARRATIVE.

5. POST WILL PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION ON FOREGOING AND RELATED PETROLEUM MATTERS BY SEPTTEL.
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